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693 Art. 78. In all Courts cases are tried with the participation of people's assessors, except in cases specially provided for by law.

692 Art. 79. The Supreme Court of the Estonian SSR is the highest judicial organ of the Estonian SSR. The Supreme Court of the Estonian SSR is charged with the supervision of the judicial activities of all the judicial organs of the Estonian SSR.

646 Art. 80. The Supreme Court of the Estonian SSR is elected by the Supreme Soviet of the Estonian SSR for a term of five years.

Art. 81. District Courts are elected by the district Soviets of Working People's Deputies for a term of five years.

Art. 82. People's Courts are elected by the citizens of the cities and volosts on the basis of universal, direct and equal suffrage by secret ballot for a term of three years.

695 [523] Art. 83. Judicial proceedings in the Estonian SSR are conducted in the Estonian and Russian languages, persons not knowing these languages being guaranteed the opportunity of fully acquainting themselves with the material of the case through an interpreter and likewise the right to use their own language in court.

Art. 84. In all Courts of the Estonian SSR cases are heard in public, unless otherwise provided for by law, and the accused is guaranteed the right to defence.

693 Art. 85. Judges are independent and subject only to the law.

Art. 86. Supreme supervisory power to ensure the strict observance of law by all Ministries and institutions subordinated to them, as well as by officials and citizens within the territory of the Estonian SSR generally, is exercised by the Procurator-General of the USSR directly and also through the Procurator of the Estonian SSR.

Art. 87. The Procurator of the Estonian SSR is appointed by the Procurator-General of the USSR for a term of five years.

Art. 88. District and city procurators are appointed by the Procurator of the Estonian SSR subject to the approval of the Procurator-General of the USSR for a term of five years.

Art. 89. The organs of the Procurator's Office perform their functions independently of any local organs whatsoever, being subordinate solely to the Procurator-General of the USSR.

Chapter VIII. Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens

641 461 Art. 90. Citizens of the Estonian SSR have the right to work, that is, the right to guaranteed employment and payment for their work in accordance with its quantity and quality.

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dry Cheese and Water, is without Question the Reason, that tho' whilst the Men and Women are Abroad in their Lords Service, and lye without any distinction of Sexes these few Hours they have allow'd them for Rest in the Barns, yet they are so far from being sensible of those pleasing Motions, which are so natural to others, that it is next to a Miracle, to hear of a Bastard begot betwixt them; unless we would attribute this Defect to the Coldness of the Climate, it being certain, that in those Parts they are more regardless in this respect than the more Southern Nations; nothing being more common here, than for Men and Women to sit promiscuously at one long Table, in order to undress themselves, before they go into the publick Bath-stoves, where both Sexes are attended only by Women; and in private Houses, both Men and Women frequently enter the Bath-stoves together, without making any great Account of the Matter.

As this Slavery renders them incapable of thinking of a future State, so all their Thoughts are bent upon this Life, tho' it be never so Miserable; which is the Reason that when they take an Oath at Law, they add this Curse, *That if they Swear False, the Curse of God may fall upon their Bodies as well as Souls, and that their Children, as well as every thing else that appertains to them, may feel the Effects of it, to the ninth Generation*: In *Esthonia*, and about *Riga*, when the Peasants are to take an Oath at Law, they put a Turf upon their Heads, with a white Staff in their Hands, intimating, that if they Swear falsely, then their Children, and Cattel may become as dry as the Turf and Stick. This as well as the putting of a Needle and Thread into the Graves of their deceased Friends, savours much of the beforementioned Pagan Superstitions of their Ancestors; but they have others, besides these, which may very well be look'd upon as the true Relicks of them. Thus they frequently perform their Devotions upon Hills, or near a certain Tree, in which they make many Incisions, and after they have bound them up with some red Stuff, offer their Prayers here, which always tend to temporal Blessings. Thus they go on Pilgrimage every *Lady-Day* to an old, ruin'd Chappel, two Leagues from *Kunda*, betwixt *Rival* and *Narva*, where they strip themselves of their Cloths; and after they have been Kneeling a while in the midst of

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